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EDUCATION MINISTERS ADMIT FAILURE
OF COMMUNIST SYSTEM IN SCHOOLS

Leaders of education in Hungary, Ministers Jozsef Revai (Education), Jozsef Darvas (Religion and Culture), and Deputy Minister [of Education?] Magda Joboru held a meeting with directors of secondary schools, study supervisors, and directors of resident student academies, at which the ministers openly admitted that the Communist-introduced education system has completely ruined the former high standard of Hungarian education.

Minister of Culture Darvas reported that 23-33 percent of secondary school students have received academic or disciplinary warnings and only 6.5 percent of the secondary school students and 1.9 percent of normal school students are outstanding and excellent. Chief reasons for the low academic level are that students come to class unprepared and there is such poor discipline that students are disrespectful to teachers.

Darvas' criticisms were amplified by Revai, his ministerial colleague and chief, who stated that if order is not created in the schools, the training of tradesmen for the Five-Year Plan will be jeopardized. According to Revai, the Communist Party is going to assume the viewpoint that the responsibility for the leadership of a school should be vested in one person, the director. The present situation of directing children, schools, and faculty through a sixfold system of organization should be ceased, he said. The director, and not the DISZ (Student Youth Association), should be responsible for order in the school. Therefore, Revai said, the director should keep a firm rein, and no meetings or social instruction work should take place either during or after class hours without his permission.

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